

REMARKS

Claims 4-8, 12, and 13 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner with Claims 1-3, 9-11, 14, and 15 standing canceled.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and objections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83.

The cancellation of Claims 1 and 11 obviates the objection to the drawings.

Turning now to the art rejections, Claims 1-3 and 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over D'Amico in view of Vranty.

The cancellation of Claims 1-3 and 9-11 obviate the rejection of these claims.

Applicants appreciate the indication that Claims 4-8, 12, and 13 are allowable.

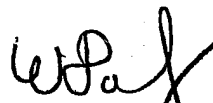
In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including

extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated,
Account No. 20-0668.

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